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Dear all,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Sean L. Jones** as the **Deputy Division Director** in the **Division of Materials Research (DMR)**, Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, effective April 30, 2017.



Dr. Jones brings to this position his exceptional experience with NSF, industry, and academia. He is an industry-recognized expert in luminescent materials and the fabrication of optical waveguides. He is also the co-inventor of high bandwidth multimode optical fibers used in today's Fiber-To-The-X (FTTX) applications such as FiOS cable television and Fiber-to-the-Home. Dr. Jones joined NSF in 2009 as a Program Director in DMR. In this capacity, he has co-managed the National Facilities portfolio, the Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSEC), and Partnership for Research and Education in Materials (PREM) programs, and supported the sustainable chemistry and materials (SusChEM) initiative. Dr. Jones also served on a 14-month detail as the Assistant Director for Physical Sciences and Engineering at the White House Office of Science and Technology, where his portfolio

included graduate education reform, grant reform, aquaculture, plant genomics, and broadening participation of underrepresented groups in STEM. Dr. Jones has served as the Acting Deputy Division Director in DMR since November 2016.

Prior to joining NSF, Dr. Jones served as the Director of Engineering for Applied Plasmonics, Chair and Professor for both the optical and electronic engineering departments at Norfolk State University, and as Technical Manager and Distinguished Member of Technical Staff at Bell Laboratories of Lucent Technologies. Dr. Jones received a bachelor's degree in Ceramic Engineering (now Materials Science and Engineering) from Clemson University in 1990 and a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Florida in 1997.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Jones on his new role in the Division of Materials Research and in welcoming him to the MPS management team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James S. Ulvestad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James S. Ulvestad
Acting Assistant Director, National Science Foundation
Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences